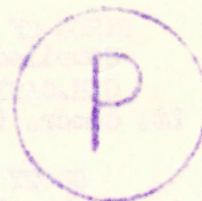




THE PALMYRA CIRCLE



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The only landing passenger on the navy plane this week was Mr. James Francis. He is a consulting chemist with the Hawaiian Tuna Packers and is making a fish survey of the Palmyra area. He has been in the islands since last November and has visited quite a number of the islands.

Dusty Haller decided not to wait for the NC65 and departed for the big city up north when the plane left here Saturday night. She expects to return in about two weeks, after she delivers all the letters and special requests to Santa Claus.

The Aeronauts are having an Aloha steak fry for the Birks and the Laffons, this Thursday evening, November 4th about 6 PM. It will be held at the recreation hall, so bring your musical instruments and lots give them a good Aloha.

Saturday night was a big night for Mr. Bruner, he finally caught his big fish, a 61 pound ulua.

The situation in Berlin is still the same and the air lift is still hauling large amounts of supplies into the city. The Navy has ordered 24 planes now being used in the Pacific Division of MATS, flown to Germany to assist in the air lift. They will make up part of the 60 additional planes requested by General Clay. Squadrons VR6 from Hawaii and VR18 from Agaña, Guam, will supply the transport planes.

The navy planes on the Samoa run are part of the Fleet Logistics Supply and belong to Squadron VR9 which is not affected by the transfer.

Transports from The Marine Air Station at Ewa, Oahu, will take over the runs formerly made by the planes of VR6 and VR18.

Tuesday is General Election Day and all the candidates are making a last minute bid for votes. President Truman and Gov. Dewey made their last speeches Saturday and will rest over the weekend.

Check your supply of Christmas Cards in the Aeronauts Store before they are all sold.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Honoluluans get their first view of a navy jet propelled fighter plane last Saturday, during the Navy Day celebration. One radio commentator described its flight and stated that if you heard a roar in the sky, to look in the opposite direction from the sound and you might see the plane as it passed.

The Surplus Sales Stores of Honolulu have been declared bankrupt and last Tuesday, Joseph Silverman and his wife were arrested on Maui as they were attempting to leave the Territory on the Italian freighter Steel Chemist. They were brought back to Honolulu by a Deputy US Marshal and are out on bond. Silverman has also had charges of bribery placed against him, which have been in the secret file since last year.

Judge Duck has sentenced four Honolulu youths to 20 years each for the attacking and attempted robbery of an aged peddler. She stated that she will give the maximum penalty to anyone guilty of what she calls, wolf pack attacks on aged people.

Olan cane planters have accepted a price reduction, in order to assist in keeping the plantation going. This is subject to the union also accepting a wage cut, instead of the increase they have been asking.

Robert Sproat, has been appointed mediator in the latest union action against the Honolulu Rapid Transit Co.

The Reinake case has finally come to an end, and the Territorial School Commissioners have dismissed them both. His life teachers certificate has been withdrawn, while she was allowed to keep hers but will not be allowed to teach in the Territory. The charges in dismissing them are that they belong to a party dedicated to the overthrow of the US Government by force and that he lacks the ideals of Democracy required for a teacher. Their attorney is expected to appeal the case.

Senator Hugh Duffler is in Honolulu on another Statehood investigation and has announced that there will be another delay due to the West coast marine strike.

BIRDS OF PALMYRA
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SOOTY TERN

This is the beautiful bird that arrived about May 15th on our nesting grounds. It is estimated that between 50,000 and 100,000 arrived. They migrated from other Pacific Islands and all arrived here in a three day period, and soon afterwards began to lay eggs. They lay one large speckled gray egg that very closely resembles dirty coral. The nesting grounds and the road were so closely covered with eggs that it was nearly impossible to walk thru it without stepping on a egg. In about three weeks the eggs hatched and spotted gray and brown chicks were everywhere. When first hatched they are hard to see against the coral background. Later they run and hide under small shrubs. The mothers feed them small squid and when disturbed the chicks will occasionally disgorgo one.

The adult has white forehead, sides of head white, breast and underneath body white, and white beneath the wings. Long forked tail, the outer feathers are marked with white. Bill, legs, and webbed feet are dull black.

The Curlew will destroy their eggs, but the Sooty Tern fought and drove them away from this area, and none have been seen recently in the vicinity of the Sooty Tern nesting ground.

The adults leave about one month before the chicks. About two-thirds have left, and in six weeks they will all be gone except a few stragglers that remain until a few return for the late fall nesting period. The nesting ground in the late fall is located on a Pelican Island.

There is another nesting ground in the Hawaiian Islands, off Mokapu and also on Rabbit Island. In the Atlantic Ocean they are making their last stand on Dry Tortugas Island off Key West.

BUDDY TURNSTONE

The Ruddy Turnstone is also a migrant. It is a small bird about 9 1/2 inches long, short orange-red legs, a mixed pattern on head and back, double alternations of white and black from lower back to end of tail, broad white band across wing and black on forehead and chest. It frequents the shore line, especially Eastern Lagoon. It is said to derive its name from turning over small stones so that it may feed on worms and insects.

There are only a few on the Island and seldom seen. There are a few on Pelican Island. It is very com on on Hawaiian Islands.

Last week we announced that Bill Dirks would be off the air for a few days, while they were moving to Hangerville. That has been changed as word just came in that he has been transferred to the Hilo Station. This means that he will be off the air for some time, as his rig will be shipped up by surface craft. In the meantime he has been selected to attend the CAA school for MTICs. Janet is going to be missed by everyone, her cooking is hard to beat and her shell-craft has been an inspiration to a lot of women. Our loss is Hilo's gain and we wish them the best of luck.

There have been a lot of stories written about buried treasure on Palmyra. Howard Mooney must have been reading some of them, because we hear that he had to be pulled out of a six foot hole the other night. The boys were repairing the telephone line and he went along for the ride and after the repairs had been made, he was discovered in one of the holes that had been dug for the poles for the new powerline. He may have been looking for a new fresh water supply for us, but the only well, that we know of, was over on Home Island.

The commissary was a busy place Friday, with all the ladies out for the fresh vegetables that arrived on the LSM last Monday. The meat and vegetables came thru in a lot better condition, than they did the previous trip of the LSM.

Thru the courtesy of the skipper of the LSM, everyone was able to enjoy two nights of movies. They were appreciated by everyone and very few people missed attending the shows.

Word just reached us that Lamont and Ruth Laffoon will be going out on the plane next week. We thought that they were going to be with us until the NCSS came in, but, Raff Said.

The next boat due here is a Navy Tanker, with some cargo. We hope that the little mynah bird was right and instead of some cargo, there will be a lot of the things that have been on order for some time, including the bicycles for the Aeronauts store. The ladies are anxiously waiting their arrival so that they can start fishing on the other side of the lagoon. The ladies are not the only ones waiting their own transportation.

Almost any day now we expect that we will come home and find that the power line has been changed over and the underground cable to Hangerville is being used, instead of the old overhead line. With the new power line being put up, a lot of radio disturbances will be removed.